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Docket No. 55250USA1A.002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

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L. SMITHSerial No.: 09/515,978
Filed: February 25, 2000For: A COMPOUND MOLD AND
STRUCTURED SURFACE
ARTICLES CONTAINING
GEOMETRIC STRUCTURES
WITH COMPOUND FACES AND
METHOD OF MAKING SAME1772
Group Art Unit: 1722

Examiner:

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TC 1700 MAIL ROOM**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the attached references, which generally relate to the present invention.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending, co-assigned U.S. Patent applications: USSN 08/886,074, filed July 2, 1997 and USSN 09/515,120, filed February 25, 2000.

United States Patent Nos. 1,591,572; 3,684,348; 3,712,706; 3,924,928; 3,926,402; 4,095,773; 4,588,258; 4,601,861; 4,775,219; 4,895,428; 5,156,863; 5,450,235; 5,600,484; 5,696,627; 5,734,501; 5,812,315; 5,822,121; JP 8-309851; WO 95/11464; and WO 97/04939; are referenced in the present application. The remaining documents are generally relevant to the state of the art.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231 ON 8 15 00

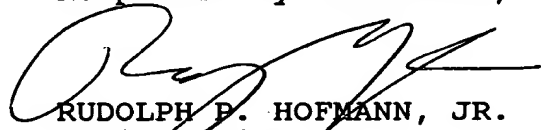
It should also be noted that U.S. Patent No. 6,010,609 corresponds to WO 97/04939.

Applicants submit that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Should a First Office Action on the merits be mailed prior to the filing of this Disclosure Statement, please charge the requisite \$240.00 fee (pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.17(p)) to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Also enclosed is PTO Form FB-A820 listing each of the above references.

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